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|  | Environmental Liabilities Workshop Program  17 May 2016 | Radisson Hotel and Suites, Sydney |

# 16 May 2016 PRe-Workshop SOcial Event

Come and meet like-minded practitioners over an informal gathering at Bungalow 8 in Darling Harbour.

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Venue:** [Bungalow 8](https://www.thekeystonegroup.com.au/venue/bungalow-8/)

**Location:** Ground Floor, 3 Lime Street Sydney (accessible from Darling Harbour Promenade).

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| Time | Duration | Session name | | Short description | | Presenter / facilitator |
| **8:30-9:00** | 30 mins | Registration | |  | | **AELERT** |
| **9:00-9:10** |  | Introduction and housekeeping | |  | | **Workshop facilitator:**  **Chris Webb**, Executive Director Regulatory Practice and Strategy, EPA Victoria |
| **9:10-9:20** | 10 mins | Welcome | |  | | **Barry Buffier**, Chair and Chief Executive, NSW EPA |
| **9:20-9:40** | 20 mins | Environmental liabilities: *Why are we here?* | | A brief survey of why environmental liabilities are an issue now. Canvasses scope of issue, covers closure of major industrial facilities. | | **Greg Sheehy**, Director, Metropolitan Branch, NSW EPA |
| **9:40-10:10** | 30 mins | The *Queensland Environmental Protection (Chain of Responsibility) Amendment Act* 2016 | | The concepts in this Act represent a step-change in the management of environmental liabilities. | | **Maria Rosier**, Team Leader  Environmental Policy and Legislation, Strategic Environment and Waste Policy, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, Queensland |
| **10:10-11:10** | 60 mins | Energy markets, stranded assets and the heightened risk of under-provisioned closure liability in the Australian resources sector. | | The mining sector has a long history of leaving behind unfunded remediation liabilities, falling to the State to manage any essential remediation to protect the environment and human health. Identifying the range of external and internal risk factors to a mine operator and the sector in general is the first step in assessing future financial health of liable entities. | | **Adam Carrel**, Director Climate Change and Sustainability Services, Ernst & Young.  **Tim Routley**, Senior Manager Rehabilitation, Ernst & Young. |
| **11:10-11:30**  20 mins  **MORNING TEA** | | | | | | |
| **11:30-12:00** | 30 mins | The potential for environmental insurance in risk managing environmental liabilities. | The market for environmental insurance has matured considerably in recent years offering opportunities for regulators to use environmental insurance as a risk management tool in the context of both sudden onset and gradual release of pollution incidents. | | **Alan Thorn**, Liberty International Underwriters. | |
| **12:00-1:00** | 60 mins | Securing environmental liabilities in the waste sector: Issues and opportunities. | Facilitated panel session discussing the management of environmental liabilities in the waste sector. | | **Session Facilitator: James Goodwin**, Unit Head, Sydney Industry, NSW EPA  **Panel Members:**  **Lisa McLeod**, Manager of Regulatory Programs, EPA Victoria;  **Chris McElwain**, Senior Manager Waste Compliance, NSW EPA;  **Darryl Cook**, Manager Environmental Operations, EPA Division, Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment, Tasmania. | |
| **1:00-2:00**  60 mins  **LUNCH** | | | | | | |
| **2:00-3:30** | 90 mins | Workshop 1: Identification of key challenges and prioritisation | Facilitated interactive session to highlight major issues in securing environmental liabilities and prioritising those issues. | | **Session facilitator:**  **Andrew Mitchell**, Manager Hazardous Incidents, NSW EPA | |
| **3:30-3:50**  20 mins  **AFTERNOON TEA** | | | | | | |
| **3:50-4:50** | 60 mins | Workshop 2: four working groups based on prioritisation in Workshop 1 | Four (depending on outcomes of Workshop 1) specific groups for e.g. waste or corporate/taxation structures, to discuss key areas of concern to address; and a way forward to share information and collaborate. | | **Chris Webb**, EPA Vic. | |
| **4:50-5:00** | 10 mins | Next steps and wrap up. | Facilitated short panel session to include representatives from all jurisdictions. | | **Chris Webb**, EPA Vic. | |

# Speaker Bios

**Maria Rosier**

Maria Rosier is an environmental policy professional within the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection. She has 7 years experience in the Queensland Government having worked on seminal projects including the most significant reforms to the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (the Greentape Reduction Project). Prior to her time in government she worked in the private sector developing water efficiency management plans for the business and industrial sectors and in zoological research as a taxonomist.

**Tim Routley, Director, Climate Change and Sustainability, Ernst and Young**

Tim is a Director in Ernst and Young’s Climate Change and Sustainability services team.  He is a chemical engineer with more than 26 years experience in environmental consulting, providing services to a very wide range of public and private sector clients including extensive involvement with the resource sector.  He has particular expertise in environmental due diligence and liability assessment; closure planning, costing and provisioning; environmental impact assessment; and resource sector water management.

**Adam Carrel, Director Climate Change and Sustainability, Ernst and Young**

Adam is a Director in Ernst and Young’s Climate Change and Sustainability services team. Adam works with numerous organizations to help them interpret the implications of major environmental and social trends with a particular focus on the politics and economics of Climate Change.

**Alan Thorn, Senior Underwriter, Liberty International Underwriters**

Alan manages the Liberty International Underwriters Environmental Impairment Liability Insurance portfolio across the Asia Pacific region. He started his career in insurance back in 2004 in his hometown of Wellington, New Zealand. From there he moved to Australia in 2006 and started his career with Liberty International Underwrites in Brisbane, focusing on Liberty International Underwriter’s Programme business. Alan then moved to Liberty International Underwriters Toronto (Canada) and affirmed his underwriting prowess in the Corporate Division. After returning to Australia, Alan took on responsibility for managing the Environmental Liability Portfolio and promoting the specialist products available across the Asia Pacific region.

**Greg** **Sheehy**

As acting Director Metropolitan for the NSW Environment Protection Authority, Greg Sheehy manages a team that regulates a range of industrial, local government activities, State Government infrastructure projects and road, rail and port activities across the Sydney Metropolitan Area and into the Illawarra region.